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1. Bielawa (Langenbielau), a township of about 18,000 inhabitants, is located about three kilometers from Dzierzoniow (Reichenbach) in the Wroclaw (Breslau) district. Most of the inhabitants work in the textile enterprises which were set up under German rule.
2. The Dyrk Textile Works at Ulica Wolnosci produces woolen and cotton goods, including military wear. Raw wool and cotton are supplied exclusively by the USSR. The factory has a wool spinning section, a wool and cotton weaving section, a dyeing and finishing department, and a railroad siding. Polish-speaking Soviets manage the enterprise, which employs 10,000 to 12,000 men working in three shifts. The factory is guarded by a special industrial guard, a military unit wearing dark blue uniforms, and its entire output is exported to the USSR via Przemyśl.
3. A factory at Ulica Sikorskiego produces absorbent cotton quilts. It employs several hundred workers in two shifts and its entire output is exported to the USSR.
4. The Emka factory at Ulica Wolnosci produces cotton goods and employs 500 to 600 workers in three shifts.
5. The former Faechter factory at Ulica Wyganowskiego, with branches at Ulica Wolnosci and Ulica Tracka, produces cotton goods and employs about 1,000 men in three shifts.
6. A cotton goods factory at Ulica Zymirskiego employs about 200 men in three shifts.
7. There is a large machine shop, including a foundry, in a forest three kilometers south of Bielawa.
8. There is a state farm (Panstwowe Gospodarstwo Rolnicze -P.G.R.) at Ulica Zymirskiego, which has 4,000 to 5,000 hectares of land and one tractor at its disposal.

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9. The first collective farm was set up in Bielawa in 1951 with 25 families. This number has not increased.
10. Naprzod, a shoemakers' cooperative, Ulica Wolnosci 141, employs 100 members and produces shoes and pigskin and canvas portfolios. It has only five or six sewing machines; most of the work is done by hand. The portfolio section employs about eight workers who make 100 to 150 items per month, part of which is exported to the USSR. The cooperative is affiliated with the Cooperative Center at Wroclaw, which supplies raw materials and markets the output to industrial cooperatives in the district.
11. Bielawa, which extends on both sides of the main highway over a distance of nine kilometers, has three railroad stations. The police station is opposite Wolnosci Square, near the town council; the Security Police (UB) are in Dzierzoniow.

Comment: It is difficult to reconcile this employment figure with the population figure. The total employees for all the industrial plants mentioned in this report include nearly the entire population of the city.

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